

**REMARKS**

The Examiner has required restriction/election to one of the following species:

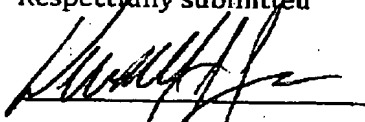
- I. A removable information storage device suitable for use with a host and a method of encrypting encryption keys using a master encryption key in an information storage device. (Claims 1-15, 27-30)
- II. A portable memory card. (Claims 16-23, 25-26)
- III. A memory card. (Claim 24)

Applicants herein select species I, claims 1-15 and 27-30 drawn to a removable information storage device suitable for use with a host and a method of encrypting encryption keys using a master encryption key in an information storage device.

Applicants herein responsively restrict examination to the invention of claims 1-15 and 27-30 for prosecution on the merits, without traverse. Applicants have herein also canceled claims 16-26 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants respectfully suggest that each of the claims presently in the application are distinct over the prior art and that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants request that the restriction/election requirement be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted



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